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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.
STEPHAN JAMES EVANOVICH,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:24-CR-00079 TLN

STIPULATION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER;
[PROPOSED] PROTECTIVE ORDER

I. STIPULATION

1. Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel of record, and Defendant Stephan James Evanovich, by and through his counsel of record, for the reasons set forth below, hereby stipulate and agree that the Court may and should enter a Protective Order in this case restricting the use and dissemination of certain materials containing personal identifying information of real persons and confidential information of the alleged victims.

2. On April 4, 2024, the Grand Jury returned an indictment charging one count of conspiracy in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 and four counts of interstate transportation of stolen property in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2314.

3. As part of its investigation in the above-captioned case, the United States is in possession of materials relating to the charges against Evanovich and seeks to provide those materials to his counsel. Some of the materials may exceed the scope of the United States' discovery obligations but will

1 be produced to promote a prompt and just resolution or trial of the case.

2 4. The United States intends to produce to the Defense Team, as defined below, materials
3 containing personal identifying information (“PII”) of real persons and entities, including, among other
4 things, addresses, phone numbers, Social Security numbers, and bank account numbers. Those real
5 persons and entities are alleged victims, witnesses, or third parties to this case.

6 5. The United States also intends to produce confidential information to the Defense Team
7 relating to the operations and security protocols for telecommunications companies, including the
8 alleged victim communications companies.

9 6. The purpose of the proposed Protective Order is to prevent the unauthorized
10 dissemination, distribution, or use of materials containing PII. or confidential information relating to the
11 operations and security of telecommunications company. The United States has ongoing statutory and
12 ethical obligations to protect alleged victims.

13 7. Due to the nature of the charges and the alleged conduct in this case, PII makes up a
14 significant part of the discovery materials in this case and such information itself, in many instances, has
15 evidentiary value. The documentary evidence contains a large quantity of privacy-protected information
16 that would be difficult or time-consuming to redact. Further, if the government were to attempt to redact
17 all this information, the defense would receive a set of discovery that may be confusing and difficult to
18 understand, and it could inhibit prompt and just resolution of the case or preparation for trial.

19 8. Accordingly, the parties agree that a Protective Order that will permit the United States to
20 produce discovery that is unredacted but preserve the privacy and security of alleged victims, witness,
21 and third parties, is appropriate. The parties agree that the following conditions, if ordered by the Court
22 in the proposed Protective Order, will serve the government’s interest in maintaining the privacy and
23 security of alleged victims and third parties, while permitting the Defense Team to understand the
24 United States’ evidence against the defendant.

25 9. This Court may enter protective orders pursuant to Rule 16(d) of the Federal Rules of
26 Criminal Procedure, Local Rule 141.1, and its general supervisory authority.

II. PROPOSED PROTECTIVE ORDER

A. Protected Materials

10. This Order pertains to all discovery provided or made available to defense counsel in this case that contains unredacted “Personal Identifying Information” (collectively, “Protected Materials”) or confidential information regarding the operations and security of telecommunications companies.

11. For purposes of the Protective Order, the term “Personal Identifying Information” (“PII”) includes any information within the definition of a “means of identification” under 18 U.S.C. § 1028(d)(7), other than names, and any information within the definition of an “access device” under 18 U.S.C. § 1029(e)(1), for anyone other than the defendant.

12. To the extent that notes are made that memorialize, in whole or in part, the PII in any Protected Materials, or to the extent that copies are made for authorized use by members of the Defense Teams, such notes, copies, or reproductions become Protected Materials, subject to the Protective Order, and must be handled in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order.

B. Defense Team

13. For purposes of this Order, the term “Defense Counsel” refers to the defendant’s counsel of record.

14. For purposes of this Order, the term “Defense Team” refers to (1) Defense Counsel, (2) other attorneys at Defense Counsel’s law firms or defense organizations who may be consulted regarding case strategy in the above-captioned matter, (3) defense investigators who are assisting Defense Counsel with this case, (4) retained experts or potential experts, and (5) paralegals, legal assistants, and other support staff to Defendant’s Counsel assisting on this case. The term “Defense Team” does not include defendants, the defendants’ family, or other associates of the defendant.

15. Defense Counsel must provide a copy of this Order to all members of the Defense Team, prior to providing any Protected Materials to the members of the Defense Team.

C. Disclosure of Protected Materials

16. The Defense Team shall not permit anyone other than the Defense Team to have possession of the Protected Materials, including the defendant.

17. No person or party shall use any Protected Materials or information derived from

1 Protected Materials produced in this action for any purpose other than use in the above-captioned case.
2 All Protected Materials shall be used solely for the purpose of conducting and preparing for pre-trial,
3 post-trial, and appellate proceedings (both direct and collateral) and in this criminal action for no other
4 purposes whatsoever, and shall not be used for the economic or other benefit of the defendants, or any
5 third party. Protected Materials may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the
6 conditions described in this Order.

7 18. The defendant may review Protected Materials in this case only in the presence of a
8 member of his Defense Team, and Defense Counsel shall ensure the defendant is not left alone with any
9 Protected Materials. The defendant may not copy, keep, maintain, or otherwise possess any of the
10 Protected Materials. The defendants must return any Protected Materials to his Defense Team at the
11 conclusion of any meeting at which the defendant reviews the Protected Materials. The defendant may
12 not take any Protected Materials out of the room in which he is meeting with his Defense Team. The
13 defendant may not write down or memorialize any PII contained in the Protected Materials. At the
14 conclusion of any meeting with the defendant, the member of his Defense Team present shall take with
15 him or her all Protected Materials. At no time, under any circumstances, will Protected Materials be left
16 in the possession, custody, or control of the defendant.

17 19. The Defense Teams may review Protected Materials with a witness or potential witness
18 in this case, including the defendant, subject to the requirements above that a member of the Defense
19 Team must be present if Protected Materials are being shown to the defendant. Before being shown any
20 portion of the Protected Materials, however, any witness or potential witness must be informed of the
21 existence of the Protective Order and given a copy of the Protective Order. No witness or potential
22 witness (other than members of the Defense Team) may retain Protected Materials, or any copy thereof,
23 after his review of those materials with his Defense Team is complete.

24 20. This Order does not limit employees of the United States Attorney's Office for the
25 Eastern District of California from disclosing the Protected Materials to members of the United States
26 Attorney's Office, law enforcement agencies, the Court, and defense.

27 21. Defense Counsel shall advise the United States with reasonable notice of any subpoenas,
28 document requests, or claims for access to the Protected Materials by third parties if Defense Counsel is

1 considering disseminating any of the Protected Materials to a third party, so the United States may take
2 action to resist or comply with such demands as it may deem appropriate.

3 **D. Ensuring Security of Protected Materials**

4 22. The Defense Team shall maintain the Protected Materials safely and securely and shall
5 exercise reasonable care in ensuring the security and confidentiality of the Protected Materials by storing
6 the Protected Materials in a secure place, such as a locked office, or otherwise secure facility where
7 visitors are not left unescorted.

8 23. A copy of the Protective Order must be stored with the discovery, in paper form and
9 electronically.

10 24. To the extent that Protected Materials, or any copies or reproductions thereof, are stored
11 electronically, the Protected Materials will be stored on a password-protected or encrypted storage
12 medium, including a password-protected computer, or device. Any passwords and encryption keys must
13 be stored securely and not written on the storage media that they unlock.

14 25. If a member of a Defense Team makes, or causes to be made, any further copies of any of
15 the Protected Materials, Defense Counsel will ensure that the following or similar notation is written,
16 stamped, affixed, or inscribed on whatever folder, container, or media contains the copies:
17 “PROTECTED MATERIALS- SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER.” For example, if Defense
18 Counsel makes a copy of a disc or physical file containing Protected Materials, the duplicate disc or file
19 must be encrypted and marked with the above notation.

20 **E. Filings**

21 26. In the event a party needs to file Protected Materials with the Court, or otherwise disclose
22 PII in court filings, the filing should be made under seal or with all PII or confidential information
23 redacted in accordance with the local rules. If the Court rejects the request to file such information under
24 seal, the party seeking to file such information shall provide advance written notice to the other party to
25 afford such party an opportunity to object or otherwise respond to such intention. If the other party does
26 not object to the proposed filing, the party seeking to file such information shall redact the PII or
27 confidential materials and make all reasonable attempts to limit the divulging PII or confidential
28 materials.

1 **F. Conclusion of Prosecution**

2 27. The provisions of this Order shall not terminate at the conclusion of this prosecution. All
3 Protected Materials subject to the Protective Order maintained in the Defense Team's files shall remain
4 subject to the Protective Order unless and until such Order is modified by the Court.

5 28. Upon final disposition of the case, including exhaustion of direct and collateral appellate
6 proceedings, Defense Counsel shall return the Protected Materials to the government, or certify in
7 writing that the Protected Materials have been destroyed, unless the California Rules of Professional
8 Conduct, as interpreted by the State Bar of California, require Defense Counsel to retain the material for
9 a longer duration of time. The written certification need not be disclosed or produced to the United
10 States unless ordered by the Court.

11 **G. Termination or Substitution of Counsel**

12 29. In the event there is a substitution of counsel prior to final disposition of the case,
13 new counsel of record must join this Protective Order before any Protected Materials may be transferred
14 from the undersigned defense counsel to the new defense counsel. New defense counsel then will
15 become Defense Counsel for purposes of this Protective Order, and become a Defense Team's custodian
16 of materials, and shall then become responsible, upon the conclusion of appellate and post-conviction
17 proceedings, for complying with the provisions set forth in this Protective Order. All members of the
18 Defense Team, whether current or past counsel, are at all times subject to the Protective Order and are
19 not relieved by termination of representation or conclusion of the prosecution.

20 **H. Redaction of Protected Materials**

21 30. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the United States Attorney's Office from redacting
22 PII or other confidential information in any Protected Materials related to the identity of cooperators and
23 informants.

24 **I. Modification of Order**

25 31. Nothing in this Order shall prevent any party from seeking modification of the Order or
26 from objecting to discovery it otherwise believes to be improper. Nothing in this Order shall prevent any
27 party from seeking a more or less restrictive protective order with regard to particular discovery items.
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J. Violation of Order

32. Any person who willfully violates this Order may be held in contempt of court and may be subject to monetary or other sanctions as deemed appropriate by the Court. This provision does not alter the Court's contempt powers.

K. Application of Laws

33. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to affect or comment on the admissibility or discoverability of the Protected Materials.

34. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to affect the application of and the parties' compliance with the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Local Rules, and applicable statutes.

Dated: August 6, 2025

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[PROPOSED] PROTECTIVE ORDER

The Court having read and considered the Stipulation regarding the proposed Protective Order, which this Court incorporates by reference into this Order in full, hereby finds that good cause exists to enter the above Order.

IT IS SO FOUND AND ORDERED this 6th day of August, 2025


SEAN C. RIORDAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE